

**OTAY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN
JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT
POLICY COMMITTEE**

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 13, 2004

TO: Policy Committee

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Stakeholder Committee/Working Group

SUMMARY:

Overview

Collaboration with people who live and work in the watershed is a key component so that the plan will be in the public interest. Partnerships are the easiest way to develop and implement a successful watershed management plan because everyone is involved from the beginning. That means the ultimate plan will truly have the consensus of all parties who have a stake in the watershed.

Section 6 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA) dated March 24, 2004, states in pertinent part:

SECTION 6. Stakeholder Committee.

The Policy Committee may establish, and appoint members to, a Stakeholder Committee. The purpose of the Stakeholder Committee is to advise the Policy Committee and Project Team on the development of the WMP. Stakeholder Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the Policy Committee for a term to be set by the Policy Committee. A quorum for the purpose of conducting business shall be a simple majority of the members of the Stakeholder Committee. In the absence of a quorum, a single member may move to adjourn. The Policy Committee may determine how often the Stakeholder Committee shall meet.

Meetings of the Stakeholder Committee shall be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54950 et seq.), which shall govern the proceedings, noticing and general activities of the Stakeholder Committee.

The Working Group is a committee of people that will fulfill the roles of the Stakeholder Committee identified in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the ORWMP as well as that of the Working Group identified in the Cooperative Agreement for the SAMP. The Working Group will serve primarily to identify and discuss issues and concerns, opportunities and constraints, and objectives related to the ORWMP and the SAMP. In addition, they will review information and provide comments from select area-wide studies. These studies would include but not be limited to: environmental baseline studies, function and values report, water quality analysis and modeling techniques. As a result the Working Group is expected to function as a consensus system on all issues so as to provide guidance to the Project Team, the Executive Steering Committee and the Policy Committee that will result in the development of achievable goals, objectives, policies and implementation strategies for the ORWMP and SAMP. Please see Attachment B for the Working Group Guidelines.

Individuals and representatives of a broad cross-section of interests and groups from the Otay River Watershed were invited to attend the initial meeting of the Working Group on June 22, 2004 and subsequent meetings have taken place on the first Wednesday of July, August, September, October and November. The Working Group will continue to meet on a monthly basis. Representatives of various interests within the watershed have attended these meetings on a regular basis and provide balanced and valuable input that is important to the successful development of the Watershed Management Plan.

The Working Group consists of approximately four representatives and one alternative for each interest group (Please see Attachment A). The Policy Committee may select additional interest group representatives, as it deems necessary.

Executive Committee Recommendation

Recommend to the Policy Committee that it confirm the representatives on the attached list as the Stakeholder Committee/Working Group with the added caveat that Executive Committee members are able to recommend additional members to the Policy Committee throughout the process and that Working Groups are open to everyone who wants to participate.

ATTACHMENT:

- Attachment A - List of Proposed Working Group
- Attachment B - [Guidelines for the Otay Watershed Working Group](#)

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